Youth unrest in the Country

1648. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether students from the middle class homes have been the mainstay of violence in agitations in Punjab and Assam recently; and

(b) what are the reasons for which sensitive educated and intelligent young men and women take recourse to violence to such a degree that the army has to be called in to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Students from various sections of the society, belonging to certain organisations, have participated in agitations. It is not possible to say that those belonging to the middle class homes have been the mainstay of violence. Socio-economic, political and several other factors have contributed to this.

Italian Consulate in Calcutta

1685. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Italian Consulate at Alipore in Calcutta keeps visitors and visa seekers standing on the road outside the Consulate building and that there is no reception room or a receptionist in the Consulate to attend to them except a peon;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only that peon is sent by the Consulate to receive papers and deliver them back and that no high ranking officer is available for consultation there; and

(c) what facilities the Indian Consulate provide to its visitors in Italy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Spot enquiry made reveals that no person was found waiting on the road outside the Italian Consulate at Alipore in Calcutta during working hours of the Consulate. There is a big reception hall with seating arrangements in the Consulate. There is a receptionist who attends to visitors.

(b) Spot enquiry indicates that visitors were attended to by a receptionist. who was sending the peon to the Consulate with all the papers submitted by the visitors. No person was found be ing attended to by the peon.

(c) In Italy, there is a Consular Section in our Chancery building at Rome. India has also an Honorary Consulate in Genoa. At the Embassy during the office hours, visitors have access to the Consular Assistant and higher officers in case of need. Suitable facilities exist for visitors who have to wait for consular services. At Our Honorary Consulate in Genoa, visitors are received by the Secretary of the Honorary Consul for rendering consular services.

Requirement of Heavy Water

1686. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the unit-wise requirement of heavy water during the current year;

(b) what is the plant-wise supply position and the estimated capacity utilisation in each case and how much heavy water would be required to be imported and the countries from where they are proposed to be imported; and

(c) by when India is expected to be self-sufficient in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Each operating 235 MWe Pressurised Heavy Water reactor requires on average